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amount of an active agent to said animal, wherein said active agent consists of an extract of *Hypericum perforatum* and wherein said extract of *Hypericum perforatum* is the only active agent administered according to the method.

C2
10. The method of claim 1, wherein said effective amount is about 0.05 mg to 500 mg per kg body weight of said animal.

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Please add new Claim 25.

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C3
--25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the animal is a human being--

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-17, and 22-24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 1 and 10 have been amended and Claims 2, 4-7, 9, 11-17, 22, and 24 have been cancelled. New Claim 25 has been added and support for Claim 25 may be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added to the application.

Claims 1-17 and 22-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The Examiner has stated numerous bases for the rejection. Each basis will be addressed separately below.

a) To begin, it has been assumed that the inclusion of Claim 3 in this rejection is the result of a typographical error as Claim 3 has been cancelled. Therefore, it is submitted that this rejection is improper and it is requested that it be withdrawn.

b) The Examiner has taken the position that Claim 1 is confusing because it contains a Markush group which does not have equivalent members. In particular, the